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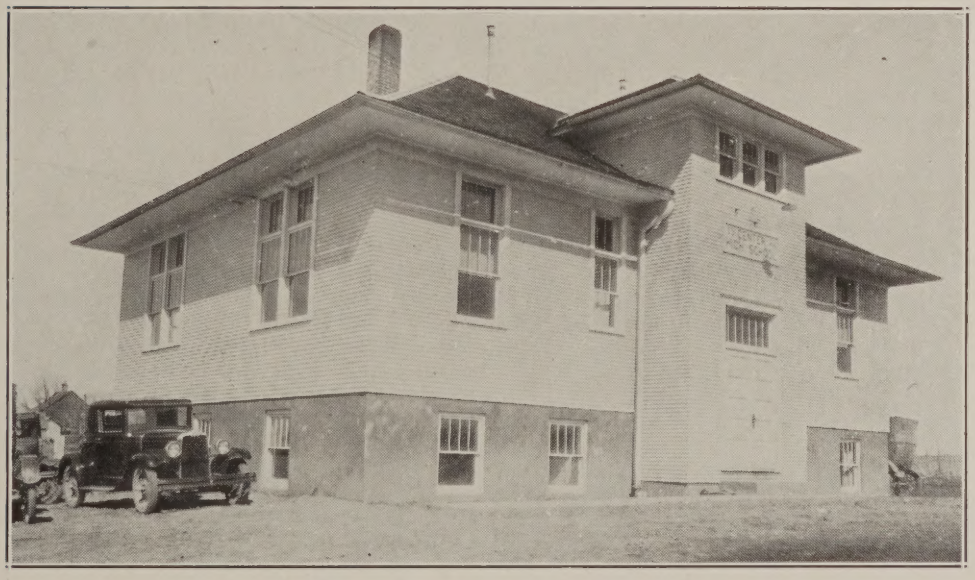
DEDICATION

To Mrs. S. C. Palmer, affectionately known as Grandmother Palmer, who, because of her kindness and generosity to the students and faculty of Center High School, has won the respect of us all, we, the class of '29, respectfully dedicate this, our second Centerika.



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HISTORY OF CENTER HIGH SCHOOL

In the year of 1923, a few persons in Washington Township, Johnson County, Iowa, having children of high school age discussed the possibility of offering one year of high school work in the basement of the grade school building of District number five.

While a few parents in the Township were interested, and the project was discussed at various times, no definite steps were taken until June 23, 1924. On this date a meeting was held at Center School, where the merits of a country high school were discussed by several speakers.

After a great deal of solicitation, worry, and suspense during the summer, thirteen students in the Township were found willing to forego the conveniences of older, better established, and better equipped schools which they might have attended. and thereby make it possible to open a high school in Washington Township.

On the 8th of September, 1924, the above mentioned 13 students gathered in the basement of Center School, and the first days work of high school was begun.

Whether the number thirteen has been unlucky, can be best judged by those who have watched the progress of this school for the past four years. It is gratifying to those responsible for the opening of the school to know that eight of the original thirteen completed their four years of work at this school last year; one finished three years; only two of the number failed to complete two years of work; and two others moved away and are finishing at other schools.

Due credit for the success this school has attained should be given to Miss May E. Francis, then Superintendent of Public Instruction, for the encouragement given. While the first year's work did not entirely meet the standards of the State Department for high school approval, being convinced that an honest effort was being made to make the best of existing circumstances and also seeing that much good work was being accomplished, the State Department very wisely approved our first year's work. Without this aid the school would have died in its infancy, and there would have been nothing further to write than its obituary. We are pleased to say that the present State Superintendent, Miss Agnes Samuelson, is also anxious that this school shall continue to grow and be an asset to this community.

After two years of approved work the problem of adequate room and equipment to handle a full four year high school course confronted the school board, which, it should be made clear, is nothing more than the board for District number five. According to law Center High School is a District High School. A number of public meetings were held in order to arouse enough enthusiasm in the Township to make it possible to go on with the school without any interruption and offer a full four year high school course. Again it required a considerable amount of solicitation and time to raise enough money by public subscription—this being the only way the plan for a high school could be carried out under the present Township school organization, unless the sub-district idea was used, which was and is impractical in our case—to erect a building suitable for high school purposes. But by persistent efforts the task was completed June 25, 1926. Five thousand dollars was pledged in amounts ranging from five to five hundred dollars.

In June 28, the ground which had been donated to the school, was fenced, and the hauling of material was begun by people of the community. From this time work went steadily on until the completion of the building and opening of school, September 15, 1926.

It has not been the motive of those sponsoring this school to compete with town or city schools, or to forward any selfish purposes, but rather to give the children of the rural districts at least some of the advantages that towns are offering to their young people. As a result of this high school, many are enjoying the benefits of a high school education who otherwise would have to stop with graduation from the eighth grade.

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THE NEED OF A HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION

Just what is the need of a high school education is a question which we hear a great many times. But we all can realize, if we stop to think, the value as well as the need of the high school education. The four year period which we spend in high school delays the choice of our life's work until we have had a chance to see a little more of life. At the end of the eight years of elementary training, very few of us have had the necessary experience to enable us to choose intelligently the thing we want to do for the rest of our lives. Many who quit school at the end of the eighth grade get into one type of work and stay there. Often they afterwards feel a desire to do something else, but because it is too much effort, they continue in the same old rut. In this case, which is just what happens, the delay of four years with the training of the high school might have helped them to decide on a work better suited to themselves.

The social training which we receive in the high school is of unlimited value to us. The banquets, parties, plays, and other social events of the high school help us to know how to conduct ourselves at gatherings of that sort. The training that we get there helps us to know how to meet people when we get out in the world. It also helps to choose our friends, those who think clearly, fairly, live right and prove themselves to be of the highest type of American boy or girl, and those whose aim is not to get all from the world they can but to be of as much service as they can to their fellowmen.

The high school offers opportunity for self development to those students who have the desire to make more of their lives than do the students who stop at the end of the eighth grade. Today the uneducated person has no chance in competition with the men and women who are educated. The positions offering the highest salaries are open only to those who have at least gone through high school. The different fields of service demand trained men and women. Teachers, doctors, nurses, and missionaries must be trained for their work. If we are to attain a position of influence, we must have a high school education.

Through the aid of the mental training we are enabled not only to think clearly,

to get the best view or right prospective of true values but also to appreciate good literature, poetry, and many of the better and finer things of life. Not only can we distinguish and know of these better things, but we can tell others who are not permitted the many benefits of the years spent in this work.

Education will make us better citizens. We are given a larger conception of what is going on around us. It enables us to see the advantages offered by community life.

One of the important aids of the high school education is the physical training. It gives us strong, healthy bodies. It helps to make our muscles respond quickly and to make instant decisions. But above all it teaches us to give and take success and defeats in the spirit of good sportsmanship.

The memories of high school tasks with their trials which in those days may have seemed difficult will be in future years but stepping stones to nobler things. Memories of duties achieved, of difficulties overcome will make us stronger to face the temptations of life's battles. May we all realize that the high school education is but a foundation upon which we build our lives. Ed.

THE CENTERIKA

One year has passed since the students and faculty of Center High School have published their first high school annual, "The Centerika."

We have had a very busy year at school and we hope it will prove to be very successful in every respect. We may not be able to notice the good things we have received at school this year or the next but in the future we all will surely be glad that we attended Center High School. We hope that our high school education will be valuable to us both in youth and adult life.

In "The Centerika" we try to give a cross-sectional view of the work we are doing in the high school. This annual is not published solely for the purpose of demonstrating literary merits but also to show something about the activities of the students and to serve as a written record of the progres of Center high school.

This year we have a larger annual made possible by more advertising and the generous support of the people in our community. We wish to thank all those who have shown such interest in us and our school, which to a very great extent determines its success. We are glad that so many people of this community are quick to recognize the need for education. We hope that Center can do things better each year and that each graduating class will prove more and more that the high school is worth while.

Ass't. Ed.

THE RURAL HIGH SCHOOL

Johnson County has now had the rural high school long enough to make it possible to mark some results.

More than 100 students in this county have been attending these rural high schools now for the past five years. Some 25 have been graduated from them. Next school year will find nearly half of this number teaching in our one room schools.

Some of these have already taught one year and some two. The work of these beginning teachers will compare favorably indeed with similar work done by graduates from town and city high schools.

Not a failure or even a half-failure has been graduated from these rural high schools, as yet among those who have taught. Would that as much could be said of those coming out of other types of high schools.

I do not believe those who have graduated from the rural high schools are more capable than the others who are following them; therefore, the rural high schools of the county show promises of doing more than their share in improving the work to be done in one room schools in this, their home county. W. N. Leeper, Co. Supt.

Laurine Miller
"The only way to make a friend is to be one."

Melva Gingerich
"Toots"
"Patience and industry mixed with a bit of Iowa wit came to our school with this Miss."

A SENIOR'S FAREWELL

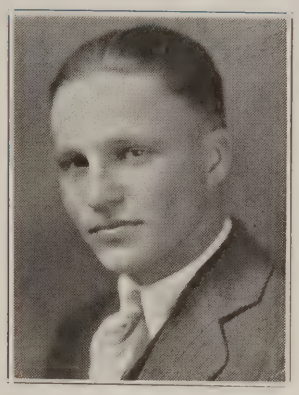
Oh, Center, how can I depart from thee?
The sad thought doth distress me,
But know, whate'er happen to me
I go where duty calls me.

Farewell, farewell, my own true Center.
Farewell, farewell, my own true school.

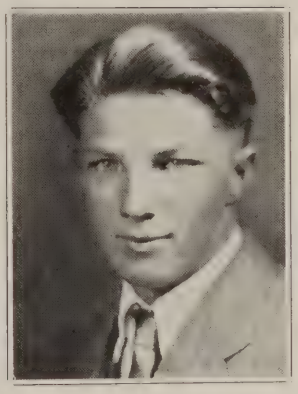
Walter E. Marner
"Walt"
"Good humor is the health of the soul; sadness its poison."

Wallace Gingerich
"Ging"
"Virtue alone is true nobility."

Ervin L. Eash
"Tiny"
"I stand on the brink of a great career, will some one push me off "



Walter G. Reber
"Chief"
"Pholosophy is common sense in dress suit."



Vir L. Jones
"Drawing is the finest of arts."

George E. Hess
"Chippy"
"Smile as you work; no duty ever shirk."

Seth Eimen
"Pete"
"You can't make headway without head work."

SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

Four years ago in the fall of the year, Nineteen Hundred and Twenty Four, We, the class of '29, using the advice of the experienced citizens of this community, entered Center High School.

Acting according to this kindly advice thirteen eighth grade graduates, practically all from Johnson county, entered the basement of the Center High School building to begin their high school career consisting of four years of never tiring studying. With the splendid aid of Professor O. Ray Bontrager we succeeded in all our undertakings, even in the most enjoyable of all, the trip to the dam on the Mississippi River at Keokuk, Iowa.

Since no severe hazing methods were practiced on the beginners of Center High, likewise none were practiced the next year so the school was successful in gathering into the old fold a new Freshman class. Because of the addition of a new class it was found impossible for all to assemble in the former portion of the Center grade building so the parents all willingly reached into their pockets and all went deep enough to secure enough hard earned money to erect a new school building. Also with the addition of a new Freshman class it was found necessary to hire another teacher to assist Mr. Bontrager. Miss Ross from Ames, Iowa, was selected to help guard the body of students safely through the next nine months of school work. This being done we all journeyed to Iowa City on the last day of school to bid farewell.

Soon the vacation rolled by and the second Junior class of C. H. S. fully realized that ere long they would be an intelligent, happy group of Seniors. This year being the first to allow the school to give attention to four classes, an extra division was required. So the helpful board of education chose an entirely new faculty consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Osborn and Mrs. Hanson as the best to carry on the good work already started. It was this year that brought in many new chances to brighten the school life. The Junior class was privileged by the aid of a few fellow schoolmates to present the entertaining play, "Aaron Slick from Punkin Creek." This play seemed to please and satisfy everyone. At the close of this school year we were sorry to see the first Senior class leave us, but again we were glad that the next year would be our Senior year; then our turn to leave would soon come.

After spending a profitable vacation we all returned with an extra student, namely, Laurine Miller, but about the middle of the year we were disappointed to lose a strong stand by, Esther Yoder, who moved with her parents to Mississippi, where she is completing her high school course. Thus our class was reduced to a total number of nine highly dignified Seniors, who helped in every enterprise that they possibly could. As a final remembrance of our many talents which were built up during our high school life we presented the play, "His Uncle's Niece." Shortly after this we were truthfully pronounced graduates of Center High School. We are now glad that we are the second Senior class that has been graduated from Center High School and sent out into the wide, wide world "to strive, to seek, to find not yield." W. R. '29

Work of The Johnson County School Masters Club

The Johnson County School Masters' club sponsored the Christmas Seal Sale in Johnson county outside of Iowa City this year. The club did this with the idea of using the share kept by the local sponsors for health work in the schools of the county.

At a recent meeting County Supt. Leeper, secretary of the club was authorized to purchase first aid kits to supply every school in the county in accordance with its needs. Center High School received two of them. We are sure that this school is not alone in its appreciation.

You no doubt would like to know more about the Johnson County School Masters' club. It is an organization started about four years ago composed of all men outside of Iowa City who are engaged in school work. Stated briefly this organization exists for the purpose of fostering anything that is good for the schools and for fellowship among people engaged in similar work.

Among the more important things it has sponsored this year are: The Christmas Seal Sale and subsequent using of funds for health purposes; The County Declamatory Contests and the County Athletic Meet.

SENIOR CLASS WILL

We, the senior class of nineteen hundred and twenty-nine being of sound mind and body, have decided to retire from our present occupation (as we have thoroughly mastered it) leaving the same to our successors, namely the class of '30. To the Sophomores we leave our pride of self and to the Freshies we bequeath our powers of concentration.

PERSONAL BESTOWALS

Walter Marner has decided to give his profession as a 'lady killer' to the honorable Charles E. Semler.

Seth Eimen leaves all of his practical jokes to Leoan Liebe, hoping she will find some use for them.

Vir Jones leaves his ability as a baseball pitcher to Victor Otto Eugene Hess.

Melva Rae Gingerich leaves her arguments for the 'Chivy' to the Sophomore class, hoping that the Sophs will give them particular attention.

Laurine Miller has been persuaded to leave her mechanical ability to Mr. Fredrick Beard.

The chairman of the style committee, Ervin L. Eash, leaves his red hat "Spike" to Arline Patterson.

Walter Reber after many brave attempts has decided to leave his dignity for Delmar Brenneman.

Wallace Gingerich is donating his new baseball glove to Chase Millice, hoping to further his ball interests.

Little George Hess has decided to leave his desk and accessories to Paula Meleek, known to most people of everyday life as Eulah Miller.

Mr. Wayland W. Osborn is hereby appointed administrator of the above will (Fees to be paid by those favored.)

Sworn before me this Friday, April 13, 1929.

MR. NO ONE,
Notary.

Wittnesses— Sadie Ficklestine, Mary Primp.

CLASS PROPHECY

It is in the year of 1950, as I sit gazing at the Centerika, I notice in the large head lines, "Welfare of Class of '29." It immediately draws my attention as this was the second class of Center High. With eager eyes I read the following:

"Walter Marner is trying to be the matinee idol of Broadway. His latest unsuccessful hit is "Secret Follies."

"Wallace Gingerich is working in General Motors. He certainly has changed his mind since '29.

"Vir Jones has just accepted the position of flying instructor at a New York Aviation field.

"Nothing can be said of Ervin Eash's present occupation, as he was lost sight of two years ago.

"Laurine Miller has just been announced the world's champion in the milking contest held at Paris, France last week.

"We have just heard that Seth Eimen has accepted the position of Dean of Men at Harvard University.

"George Hess is going to join Seth at Harvard as his assistant. It will be remembered that these two were very great friends in the year of '29.

"Walter Reber because of his love for farming has decided to try to reclaim the Arizona desert. We all wish him success.

"Melva Gingerich, famous teacher of music, has just invented a new musical scale which is making a great hit among all high class musicians."

I lay aside the paper with a sigh. My goodness how time does fly.

M. G. and S. E. '29.

JUNIORS

Back Row: Arvilla Eimen, Helena Amelon, Edna Yoder.
Front Row: Agnes Swartzendruber, Marjorie Hukill, Eulah Miller, Ferne Wertz.

JUNIOR CLASS HISTORY

We, the class of 1930, entered Center High School in 1926.

Of course we were known as the Green Freshmen, but we didn't mind that for we were very timid the first year.

Our instructors were Miss Lois Ross and Mr. O. Ray Bontrager who was Superintendent of the school.

There were eight Freshmen, namely: Marjorie Hukill, Edna Yoder, Ferne Wertz, Arvilla Eimen, Lois Bontrager, Cecil Bontrager, Eulah Miller and Agnes Swartzendruber.

The students all returned the next year except Eulah Miller.

A great change could be seen between the Freshman class of '27 and the Sophomore class of '28. The Sophomores lost all their timidness and became really gay and enjoyed school very much.

The instructors for '28 were Mr. and Mrs. Osborn and Mrs. Lena Hanson.

The Junior class of 1929 has changed considerably. Two of the students sought their knowledge in another school, namely: Lois and Cecil Bontrager. They were transported to Goshen, Indiana, and there indulged in a sad and lonely life.

But some of the disappointment was lessened when we received news that Miss Helena Amelon would enter our class, and that Eulah would return.

We are now known as the jolly Juniors although we do study harder than we ever have done.

A. S. '30.

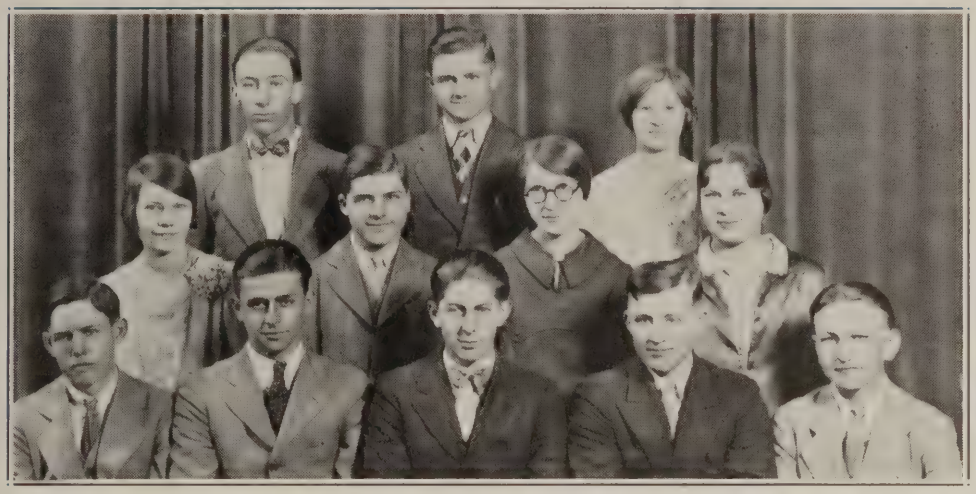
MY FORD

Oh once I had a little Ford.
It went so very fine;
Until I ran into a telo' line,
And there it wouldn't have
passed for mine.

The wheels were broken; the axles
cracked,
The engine too was gone;
So I went home without my Ford,
And never more did roam.

E. Y. '30.

SOPHOMORES



Back Row: Left to Right—Victor Hess, Paul Beard, Emily Slaubaugh.
Middle Row: Left to Right—Leoan Liebe, Fredrick Beard, Verda Gingerich, Leona Swartzendruber.
Front Row: Left to Right—Earl Amelon, Lloyd Fry, Delmar Brenneman, Clifton Gingerich, Charles Semler.

SOPHOMORE CLASS

Brown hair and brown eyes,
Who is it you can easily surmise.
Victor a very mischievous chap.
He thinks to study would be a great mishap.

Leona, plumb, gay, and jolly,
She thinks to worry would be folly.
When things happen that are gay,
Her eyes do dance in a heavenly way

Feet on the ground, head in the sky.
He's very tall and oh! how wise.
He's fine fellows and always willing to try.
He is by name, Lloyd Fry.

Then there's Verda Gingerich who,
Always has a joke to tell.
And whatever she starts to do,
She's sure to do well.

Then there's Paul Beard by name,
Will someday be a man of fame,
Because he's brilliant and studious too,
And always finishes what he starts to do.

A boy who's not shy and bashful
A fine kid just the same,
Second tallest of our class.
Delmar Brenneman is his name.

Then there's Emily with nice manners,
Whom we all admire.
And as a good scholar of Center High,
Upon her we can always rely.

Charles Semler's greatest desire
Is to someday be a man of fame,
And across the ocean blue,
Will sail as we all know he will do.

Then there's Earl Amelon,
Who joined us here this year.
He never has much to say,
But he's a loyal Sophomore, never fear.

Of all the Sophomores we have named,
We left a little space
To tell the fame of Clifton Gingerich
The largest of his race.

Leoan Liebe, a shy little Miss, always works.
Her studies she never shirks.
She is a friend to all in need;
To everyone she is a true helper, indeed.

L. L. '31.

FRESHMEN

Back Row: Left to Right—Arline Patterson, Lois McKray.
Front Row: Left to Right—Laverna Robertson, Chase Millice, Eunice Reber.

Name	Favorite Pastime	Favorite Expression	Ambition
Chase Millice	Star gazing.	"I didn't quite finish."	Mechanic.
Lois McKray	Blushing.	"No'p."	Smiling wife.
Arline Patterson	Chumming with Lois and Eunice.	"What?"	Nurse
Laverna Robertson	Studying.	"I don't know."	Beauty Specialist.
Eunice Reber	Doing house work.	"Oh, goodness."	Teacher.

The Freshman Class

F is for Freshman so young and so gay.
R is for rules which we try to obey.
E is for egotism but the Juniors have it all.
S is for Seniors so brilliant and tall.
H is for hall of our school house so dear.
M is for memory which is exercised here.
E is for English which the Sophies despise.
N is for nonsense which helps make up our lives.

L. M. '32

'EST OF THE FRESHMEN

Chase Millice, the slowest.
Lois McKray, the funniest.
Arline Patterson, the shortest.
Laverna Robertson, the tallest.
Eunice Reber, the quickest.

CAUSES FOR INSANITY OF OUR FACULTY

"Shall we write on both sides of our paper?"
"Do we have to write with ink?"
"I haven't a pencil."
"I didn't hear the question."

DECLAMATORY

Back Row: Left to Right—Charles Semler, Seth Eimen, Lloyd Fry, Walter Reber.
Middle Row: Left to Right—Edna Yoder, Ervin Eash, Delmar Brenneman, Paul Beard, Lois McKray.
Front Row: Left to Right—Agnes Swartzendruber, Melva Rae Gingerich, Leona Swartzendruber, Eulah Miller, Ferne Wertz, Coach Mrs. Osborn.

One of the activities included in the course at Center High School is the Declamatory contests in which every member of the school takes part. The first contest was held the first week in January.

The following students were represented in the final home contest: Oratorical—Lloyd Fry, Ervin Eash, Paul Beard, and Walter Reber. Dramatic—Edna Yoder, Melva Gingerich, Ferne Wertz, and Delmar Brenneman. Humorous—Charles Semler, Lois McKray, Agnes Swartzendruber, Seth Eimen, Eulah Miller, and Leona Swartzendruber.

At the final home contest the winners were: Oratorical—Paul Beard, first; Lloyd Fry, second; Ervin Eash, third.

Dramatic—Melva Gingerich, first; Edna Yoder, second; Delmar Brenneman, third.

Humorous—Lois McKray, first; Seth Eimen, second; Agnes Swartzendruber, third.

At the Johnson County Declamatory contest for smaller schools the following people from Center won places: Oratorical—Paul Beard, third; Dramatic—Melvin Gingerich, second; Humorous—Lois McKray, second.

Melva Gingerich won second place in her division at the final Johnson County contest and Lois McKray third in her division.

FALL FESTIVAL

The second annual Washington Township Fall Festival was held at Center High School, October 12.

Some of the activities of the day consisted in judging the exhibits, announcing the winners, and presenting a program which all the schools had prepared.

At noon a delicious fried chicken dinner was served by the ladies of the community.

The purpose of this event is to further the spirit of co-operation among the schools, to let the public know more about the things that are being accomplished by our community, and to provide an opportunity for wholesome fellowship.

BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

Back Row: Left to Right—Wallace Gingerich, Coach Osborn, Lloyd Fry, Earl Amelon.
Front Row: Left to Right—Victor Hess, Delmar Brenneman, Capt. Walter Marner, Seth Eimen, Vir Jones.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

Back Row: Left to Right—Edna Yoder, Laurine Miller, Arvilla Eimen.
Front Row: Left to Right—Marjorie Hukill, Agnes Swartzendruber, Coach Mrs. Osborn, Melva Rae Gingerich.

BOYS' BASEBALL TEAM

Back Row: Left to Right—Earl Amelon, Delmar Brenneman, Charles Semler.
Middle Row: Left to Right—George Hess, Ervin Eash, Wallace Gingerich, Walter Marner.
Front Row: Left to Right—Victor Hess, Lloyd Fry, Capt. Seth Eimen, Vir Jones, Coach Osborn.

During the five years in which the Center High School has been in operation, there has been a certain amount of sports carried on along with other duties—namely: basketball and baseball.

The following games have been played during the last season of 1928 and 1929.

BASKETBALL

Center	12	Cosgrove	7
Center	5	Sharon	14
Center	43	Cosgrove	16
Center	10	Lone Tree	30
Center (girls)	15	Sharon	22
Center (girls)	13	Sharon	12

BASEBALL

Center	12	Sharon	9
Center	21	Sharon	14
Center	24	Shueyville	12
Center	4	Solon	16

We have Solon yet to play, and the games with Cosgrove and Shueyville were postponed on account of rain.

We hope we will do well at the County Athletic meet sponsored by the School Masters' club, which is to be held at Iowa City, May 10.

It takes seventeen muscles of the face to produce a frown and only four to produce a smile. Why work overtime?

Give what you have to someone, it may be better than you dare to think—Longfellow.

BACCALAUREATE EXERCISES

The Baccalaureate services were held at the Frytown church on Sunday evening, May 12.

BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

Hymns—"Lead Kindly Light," "Come Thou Almighty King" ..... Congregation
Prayer
Music ..... Center High School
Scripture Reading
Violin Solo ..... Melva Gingerich
Sermon ..... Rev. George W. Robb
Recessional ..... Center High School Girls' Quartette
Benediction

GRADUATION PROGRAM

Graduation Song ..... Girls' Quartette
Invocation
Song ..... Girls' Quartette
Address ..... County Superintendent, Clinton County, F. C. Bowersox
Song ..... Girls' Quartette
Awarding of Diplomas ..... Joel Reber
Benediction

"PICKLES FOR TWO"

C. C. Swartzendruber and Frank Gingerich

JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET

May 8, the Juniors gave a banquet in honor of the Seniors at Center High School. A three course dinner was served, after which an imaginary baseball game was played as follows:

Toastmistress ..... Agnes Swartzendruber
Catcher ..... Seth Eimen
Short Stop ..... Edna Yoder
Pitcher ..... George Hess
First Baseman ..... Helena Amelon
Second Baseman ..... Walter Marner
Third Baseman ..... Ferne Wertz
Right Fielder ..... Walter Reber
Center Fielder ..... Eulah Miller
Left Fielder ..... Melva Gingerich
Umpire ..... Mr. Osborn
Special Music ..... Junior Class

THE SENIOR CLASS PLAY

May 2 and 3

Richard Tate, Esq. ..... Walter Marner
Francis Felton ..... Seth Eimen
Dora Hale ..... Melva Gingerich
Alice Malcolm ..... Ferne Wertz
Mrs. Sarah Ann Mullen ..... Laurine Miller
Simon F. Felton ..... Paul Beard
Philander Filmore ..... Wallace Gingerich
Timothy Haye ..... Vir Jones
Silas Sicklemoore ..... Walter Reber

THE JUNIOR CLASS PLAY, APRIL 4 AND 5

"ALWAYS IN TROUBLE"

Misery Moon, A Hoodooed Coon ..... Lloyd Fry
Gideon Blair, A Millionaire ..... Ervin Eash
Tom Rissle, As Slick as a Whistle ..... Delmar Brenneman
Hiram Tutt, An Awful Nut ..... George Hess
Patrick Keller, A Ticket Seller ..... Earl Amelon
Samantha Slade, A Poor Old Maid ..... Helena Amelon
Rosebud Reese, Her Charming Neice ..... Edna Yoder
Paula Maleek, A Bolsheviek ..... Eulah Miller
Lula Pearl, A Ragtime Girl ..... Agnes Swartzendruber
Other People—Marjorie Hukill, Arvilla Eimen, Laverna Robertson, Arline Patterson, Lois McKray and Emily Slaubaugh.

FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORE CLASS PLAY

December 13 and 14.

"A PERPLEXING SITUATION"

Mr. Middleton, who is miserly ..... Paul Beard
Mrs. Middleton, his patinet wife ..... Verda Gingerich
Tom Middleton, his son ..... Victor Hess
Jessie Middleton, his eldest daughter ..... Lois McKray
Sue Middleton, his second daughter ..... Arline Patterson
Lucy Fair, an adopted niece ..... Eunice Reber
Maud, the family's friend ..... Emily Slaubaugh
Mrs. Noise, an inquisitive neighbor ..... Leoan Liebe
Alexander Wilson, Jessie's suitor ..... Delmar Brenneman
Mary, the Irish servant ..... Leona Swartzendruber
Fritz, the man of all work ..... Clifton Gingerich
Uncle Epitumas, from way up country ..... Charles Semler
Health Officer ..... Lloyd Fry

A PAIR OF LUNATICS

ONE ACT PLAY

Jack Fielding ..... Marjorie Hukill
Clara Manners ..... Arvilla Eimen

THE LAMP WENT OUT

(Pantomime)

Reader ..... Fredrick Beard
The Heroine ..... Leota Yoder
The Hero ..... Chase Millice
The Villian ..... Earl Amelon
The Mother ..... Laverna Robertson

Community Play Presented During the Last Week of School

"WIDE ENOUGH FOR TWO"

Mr. Wickerwork, A Male Crank ..... Morley Palmer
Hiram Brush, His level headed partner ..... Charles Yoder
Ferdinand Crowley ..... Ura Miller
Fritz Keller, A very funny Dutchman ..... C. C. Swartzendruber
Pump, An American citizen of African desent ..... Frank Gingerich
Miss Prune, A female literary crank ..... Agnes Swartzendruber
Satira Brush, Hiram's daughter ..... Arlene Patterson

INTERVIEWS

Wallace Gingerich will spend the summer at his home helping his father with the farm work.

We will find George Hess at Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, this summer.

Melva Gingerich has planned to take violin lessons this summer and attend the University of Iowa next fall.

Laurine Miller has decided to help her mother with the housework.

Seth Eimen is also going to attend Coe College for the summer after which he will teach at Washington No. 3.

Ervin Eash's plan is to spend the summer working out.

Walter Marner will probably spend the summer at his home.

Walter Reber is going to attend Coe College this summer.

Vir Jones does not know at present what he is going to do.

Marvle Palmer is coming back to school next fall after a trip out West. We will be glad to have her with us again.

Esther and Leota Yoder will not be with us this fall. They have moved to Mississippi. We are sorry they cannot return here to school.

Cecil and Lois Bontrager will be back to school with us next fall. We are glad to have them back again. They have been spending their last school year at Goshen, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Osborn will spend their vacation at Solon. Mr. Osborn will continue his study at the University of Iowa for his degree of Master of Arts. Later in the summer they will possibly take a trip out West.

S. Lysle Duncan, formerly county agent of Louisa county, was appointed County Agent of Johnson County.

Mr. Duncan is very much interested in club work, and is organizing boys and girls in the county to do more club work. This, as we are told, is a paying proposition, besides being educational.

We truly hope that the people of the county will be very much benefited by his work in the county.

We, as the students of Center High, surely wish Mr. Duncan success.

YELLOW BEADS

Betty Ann tripped lightly into the large Beaths Department store. She was very happy for tonight she was going to an American Legion ball. Betty Ann was the daughter of a famous doctor in Woodbury, a town of about ten thousand.

One reason for her happiness was that she had a beautiful new yellow georgette dress, which was very becoming to her fair complexion and her dark hair and eyes. But upon looking in her jewelry box she discovered that she did not have a necklace or a pair of beads to match her dress and this was the reason she was hurrying into the store. Knowing the store well, as she did most of her shopping there, Betty Ann hurried to the jewelry department.

"I want to look at some yellow beads, please," said Betty Ann to the girl behind the counter.

As the girl turned, Betty Ann saw she trembled, and as she picked up a tray of beads and brought them to the counter she stumbled and nearly fell.

"Have you been ill?" asked Betty Ann, who was always doing something for others. ,

"Yes," said the girl, "this is the first day I have been to work for a month. I just had to come today. I've had the flu, but my landlady said if I didn't pay her Saturday for my room she'd set me out in the street."

Betty Ann looked at the girl thoughtfully. She was very pale, her eyes were large and looked strained, her hands trembled.

"Wait a minute," said Betty over her shoulder as she hurried towards the manager. "It's all right, the manager is father's friend, and he says that I may take your place here for the rest of the day. You take this money. I had intended to buy a pair of beads, but I have so many I really don't need them. You take this money and get yourself something nourishing to eat and then rest. Tomorrow you will feel better, and more like working."

"How can I ever thank you?" asked the girl. She was thinking of the good lunch she would have and then the coolness of her own room.

"I'm glad to do it," said Betty.

The girl left the store. She bought food and went to her room to rest. As she lay between the cool linen sheets, her head stopped throbbing and she dropped off to sleep dreaming of the dark haired girl who had been so kind and thoughtful and she decided that all the people in the world had not become heartless and selfish.

M. G. '29

MR. SPIFFLEDINKER USES THE NEW SEWING MACHINE

Mr. Spiffledinker purchased his wife a new electric sewing machine. It had just come the day before, but he imagined his wife should have all the sewing done. He wanted a clean shirt and of course noticed the one lying among the mending which had not been patched. He was bound to have that particular shirt.

He said to Miranda his wife, in a gruff tone, "Why haven't you that shirt patched? You might have known I would want that shirt."

Miranda replied very sweetly, "There are some in the dresser drawer which have been nicely mended."

"But I don't want them. I want this one. What did I get you that sewing machine for if you aren't going to use it I'll patch my own shirt."

"Very well, my dear," said his wife.

Mr. Spiffledinker put the current on full blast and started to patch his shirt.

"Wang," went the sewing machine. "Chew, chew," went the thread and finally broke.

"Miranda, Miranda," he yelled, "what's wrong with this thing?"

"I don't know," she replied, "I never tried to patch on the sewing machine."

This made him all the more angry and he got so nervous that the patches began to pucker.

"Oh! Miranda," he said, "what makes these patches pucker?"

He got very little satisfaction. Mrs. Spiffledinker only replied, "Don't ask so many questions, my dear."

After breaking four needles he decided he would finish the patching by hand. This he did which he called successful. He glanced down and saw several buttons missing.

"Well," he said, "if I can't patch shirts on the sewing machine, it'll be mighty funny if I can't sew on a button with it."

This was too much for Miranda. She slipped up the stairs and laughingly looked down the register at her husband.

He sat down again and turning on the current proceeded to sew on a button.

"Bang," went the sewing machine. "Ouch," went Mr. Spiffledinker.

"Oh! Miranda! Miranda! What a life. That needle has gone through my finger. Oh-h-h!"

Miranda ran down the stairs, turned off the current, and set her husband free.

"Now," she said, "it's time for you to go to the barn. It's the only place for you."

From the far distance rang the echo, "I guess Miranda is right." L. M. '32.

BONES

Bones is the lattice work on witch the body grows. If you didn't have sum bones you would be shaped like a custard pie. If I didn't have no bones, I wouldn't have so mutch shape as I now have, and teacher would be pleased but I like to have motion, 'specially in this pay-as-you-enter suit ma bought for me. If my bones was stuck together with wires in the right places, it would make a skeletum. I am mighty glad my skeletum was put on the inside before I was finished, 'cause it looks better there.

There is a grate menny different kinds of bones. There is the crazy bone, the wish bone, the soup bone, the trombone, the bone spavin and the backbone. The backbone is — the back bone is sit — the backbone is situ — the backbone is sitchervated just inside the peel on the other side from the front side and is filled with rubber. The backbone is made up of humps with places in between where the hump is left out. When your skates fly out in front, and you sit down on the ice, one end of the backbone is at the lowest side of the head, if it don't puch up through, and the other end is at the upper side of the ice. There is another bone called the skull. The skull has humps, too. Sometimes there is branes on the inside of the skull.

Bones don't grow solid like the limbs on a tree, 'cause they have joints. Joints is good things to have in bones. They grease themselves and don't squeak.

The bones that hold your lungs in are called slates. They run around you, east and west.

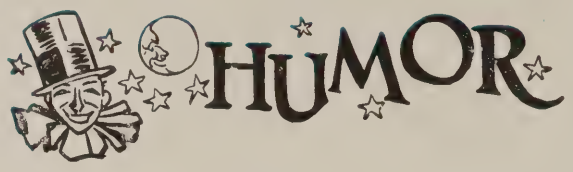
When bones is ground up fine, they make a good fertilizer. It gives me a lonesome, scattered feeling, and brings tears to my eyes to think that I might be used in an onion patch.

Some folks, when living, killed every thing they touched, and it wouldn't be safe to use the bones of them kind of people for vegetables.

That's All ! ! F. B. '31

Even the woodpecker owes his success to the fact he uses his head and keeps pecking away until he finishes the job he starts.

Real men are made of what they get out of themselves, and not out of others.



Verda says, why not sell—
Hens by the peck?
Music by the quire?
Shoes by the foot?
Hammers by the pound?

Vir—Ervin did you hear about that fight in the restaurant?
Ervin—No. Who fought?
Vir—Coffee soaked the doughnut!

Seth—I lost my suitcase on a street car.
Fredrick—What did you do about it?
Seth—I reported by law suit.
Fredrick—Who won?
Seth—I lost the case.
Fredrick—How was that?
Seth—They said anything the conductor took on the street car was fare.

Mrs. Hess (Teaching Victor Arithmetic—"Now take the Jones family; there is mamma, papa, and the baby. How many does that make?"
Victor—"Two and one to carry."

Vir—"A street car can do one thing a man can't."
Earl—"What's that?"
Vir—"Why, the street car can always go straight, no matter how full it is."

Walter R.—"Do you want me to shoo these flies for you?"
Clifton—"No, let them run around in their bare feet."

Emily—"Why do you wear dark glasses?"
Charles—"To keep the blue in my eyes from fading, silly."

Charles—"Can't you help me a little? I've lost my leg."
Chase—"Well, I haven't got it. Why don't you advertise for it?"

Ferne W.—"Every time I go out, I eat so much that I am really too fat. What can I do to reduce?"
Eunice—"Try going out with a high school boy."

Mrs. Osborn—"Paul, you may give me a sentence using the word banquet."
Paul—"When the banquets we will have music."

RIDDLE

Has lots of leaves
Some are white and read all over.
And is used at school.
(Ans.) Book.

A. P. '31.

ACT I

A Sophomore stood on a railroad track,
The train came thundering on.
A blinding, roaring, deafening crash—
And lo! The train was gone!

ACT II

And there serenely stood the Soph,
About him lay the wreck.
The train had hit his solid dome—
And busted up, by heck!

JOKES

A negro girl applied for a position as cook and was asked if she knew how to serve company.

"Yess'um, either way."

"Either way?" gasped the astonished mistress.

"Yess'um, so's they'll come again, or so's they wont."

WHEN WILL—

Marjorie grow taller?

Eulah stop talking?

Helena stop powdering her nose?

Ferne not be industrious?

Edna ever forget to be a good sport?

Agnes stop laughing?

Arvilla be dignified?

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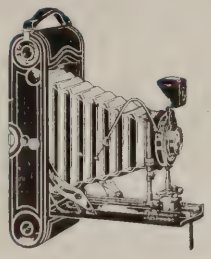

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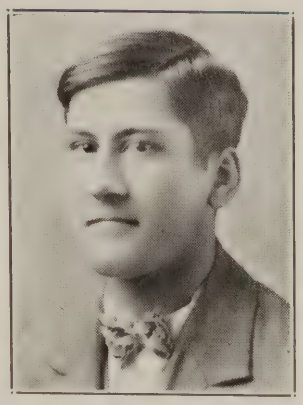

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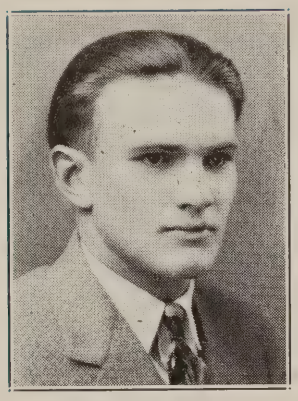

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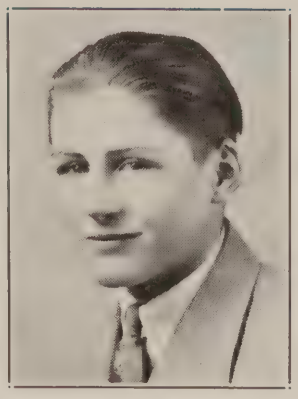

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